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Grants help students avoid AODA issues

MADISON — School districts throughout Wisconsin are sharing approximately \$950,000 in competitive grants that will help reduce or prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among students.

“Youth access to alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs has always been exceptionally dangerous for the developing brain and body,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “It’s common sense to provide educational programming, funded from the penalty surcharge for traffic fines and forfeitures, to help our students avoid substance use and abuse that can impair their education.”

The Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Program grants provide funding to teach skills and supply information aimed at preventing alcohol and illegal drug use. Both individual school districts and five consortium projects, in which clusters of neighboring schools will work together, received competitive grant awards. The state-funded grants totaled \$946,047 and went to 53 projects serving students in 87 Wisconsin school districts.

Many of the projects receiving AODA grant funding provide a comprehensive approach to prevent or eliminate the use of alcohol and illegal drugs among students, using multiple strategies and linking resources from home, community agencies, and the school. Grants may be renewed for one additional year of funding through the 2014-2015 school year.

“The 2011 Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows that we are making some progress on stemming substance use and abuse among students,” Evers added.

The 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported that tobacco use is down from 2007. Currently, nearly one out of seven high school students in Wisconsin use tobacco, compared to one in five in 2007. Alcohol use is also down about 10 percent from 2007, though 39 percent of students report using alcohol and 24 percent report binge drinking (down 8 percent from 2007). Survey data show drug offers at school are down 2 percent from 2007. In the 2011 report, just over one out of five high school students (21 percent) said that they receive drug offers at school. Marijuana use persists at 22 percent of students in the 2011 survey, up 2 percent compared to 2007.

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NOTES: A list of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Program grant recipients is attached. This news release is available electronically at http://news.dpi.wi.gov/files/eis/pdf/dpinr2013_73.pdf.

2013-14 AODA Program Grants

Antigo Unified School District, \$13,000	Hustisford School District, \$13,000
Appleton Area School District, \$25,000	Kaukauna Area School District, \$25,000
Athens School District, \$13,000	Kenosha Unified School District, \$25,000
Baraboo School District, \$13,952	La Crosse School District, \$25,000
Barron Area School District, \$10,000	Lake Mills Area School District, \$13,000
Beaver Dam Unified School District, \$25,000	Little Chute Area School District, \$13,000
Berlin Area School District, \$13,000	Lomira School District, \$13,000
Black River Falls School District, \$13,000	Marinette School District, \$13,000
CESA 3 Consortium, \$25,000 Belmont Community, Boscobel Area, Cassville, Cuba City, Iowa-Grant, Ithaca, and River Valley	McFarland School District, \$13,000
CESA 5 Consortium, \$19,878 Cambria-Friesland, Columbus, Fall River, Pardeville Area, Portage Community, Randolph, and Rio Community	Menominee Indian School District, \$13,000
CESA 8 Consortium, \$25,000 Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine, Bonduel, Coleman, Crandon, Crivitz, Florence County, Gillett, Goodman-Armstrong Creek, Gresham, Laona, Shawano, Tigerton, Wabeno Area, Wausaukee, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood	Menomonie Area School District, \$25,000
CESA 12 Consortium, \$25,000 Butternut, Chequamegon, Hurley, Maple, Mellen, Mercer, and Washburn	Milwaukee Public Schools, \$45,000
Clintonville School District, \$13,000	Minoqua J1 School District, \$13,000
DC Everest Area School District, \$24,692	Mount Horeb Area School District, \$13,000
Deerfield Consortium, \$12,000 Cambridge, Deerfield Community, and Marshall	Neenah Joint School District, \$25,000
Eau Claire Area School District, \$25,000	Oconomowoc Area School District, \$25,000
Elcho School District, \$13,000	Oconto Falls Public School District, \$13,000
Ellsworth Community School District, \$13,000	Oregon School District, \$25,000
Flambeau School District, \$13,000	Racine Unified School District, \$25,000
Fond du Lac School District, \$25,000	Saint Croix Falls School District, \$10,000
Holmen School District, \$19,589	Sauk Prairie School District, \$12,936
Horicon School District, \$13,000	Shullsburg School District, \$13,000
Hudson School District \$25,000	Somerset School District, \$13,000
	Spooner Area School District, \$13,000
	Sun Prairie Area School District, \$25,000
	Two Rivers Public School District, \$13,000
	Watertown Unified School District, \$25,000
	Wheatland J1 School District, \$13,000
	Whitewater Unified, \$13,000
	Winneconne Community School District, \$3,000

NOTE: Pending continued funding availability and satisfactory progress toward grant goals, similar awards will be made for the 2014-15 school year.